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3. **Unity of Invention is lacking** (see Box III).

4. With regard to the **title**,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

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b. none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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Electronic data base consulted during the International search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT
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